

June 25, 2019

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Kearsarge Telephone Company - Notice of Network Change

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 51.325 – 51.335 of the Commission's rules, Kearsarge Telephone Company ("KTC") hereby submits the attached: Certification of Public Notice of Network Change under rule 51.329(a); Public Notice of Copper Retirement under rule 51.333; and Certification of Public Notice of Copper Retirement under rule 51.333. Specifically, KTC is providing notification of the replacement of copper distribution and loop facilities with fiber-to-the-home facilities in certain digital service areas (DSA) located in Boscawen, New London, Salisbury, and Wilmot NH. Upon completion, KTC will provide services through its fiber optic network.

All of the customers served by copper at these locations purchase "plain old telephone service" (POTS). Following transition to fiber, KTC will continue to offer these customers the same POTS service over fiber at the same or better price as they received on copper facilities. There will be no change in the underlying features and functionalities in their service: this is not a transition to IP-based service, and KTC will offer these customers the same regulated service they have today.

Please contact me should you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Sr. Administrator -Regulatory Compliance

Attachments

# CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF NETWORK CHANGE UNDER RULE 51.329(a)

On June 17, 2019 the following Public Notice of Network Change has been made by Kearsarge Telephone Company pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 51.325 – 51.335.

The Public Notice may also be viewed on TDS' website at: <a href="https://tdstelecom.com/carrierservices/public-notices/2019.html">https://tdstelecom.com/carrierservices/public-notices/2019.html</a>

Title of Network Notification: TDS Public Notice 2019-38 Kearsarge Telephone Company (6.17) – Copper Retirement

Pam Trickel Sr. Administrator Regulatory Compliance TDS Telecommunications LLC 525 Junction Rd Madison, WI 53717 608-664-7872

Date: June 17, 2019

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF COPPER RETIREMENT UNDER RULE 51.333

Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2019-38 Kearsarge Telephone Company (6.17)

June 17, 2019

Carrier: Kearsarge Telephone Company, 30 School St, Andover NH 03216

**Contact:** For additional information on these planned network changes, please contact:

Jennifer Heise Regulatory Compliance Manager TDS Telecommunications Corporation 525 Junction Rd Madison, WI 53717 608-664-4148

**Implementation Date:** On or after October 7, 2019

#### Planned Network Change(s) Will Occur at the Following DSAs:

| DSA CLLI | DSA address                            |  |
|----------|--|--|
| BSCWNH01 | 3 North Water St. Boscawen NH, 03303   |  |
| SLBRNH01 | 403 Little Hill Rd. Salisbury NH 03268 |  |
| NWLNNH05 | 63 Deer Path Road New London NH 03257  |  |
| NWLNNH02 | 258 Route 4A North Wilmot NH 03287     |  |

Locations Retirement of copper network facilities in the area listed in Exhibit A

#### **Description of the Planned Network Change(s):**

Kearsarge Telephone Company intends to retire a number of copper facilities in the DSA locations listed on the attached Exhibits to provide services over a fiber network infrastructure. Kearsarge Telephone Company has deployed its fiber-to-the-home network in the areas identified in Exhibits A.

#### **Description of Reasonably Foreseeable Impact(s) of the Planned Change(s):**

After the retirement of the copper facilities, Kearsarge Telephone Company will: (1) no longer offer services over copper facilities; and (2) cease maintaining the copper facilities. These retirements will have no impact on the services provided to the retail customers served by the copper facilities that will be retired. Further, there will be no changes to rates, terms and conditions.

#### **Exhibit A**

#### Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2019-38 Kearsarge Telephone Company (6.17)

The copper facilities associated with the following addresses served by

Kearsarge Telephone Company's DSA located at 3 North Water St. Boscawen NH, 03303

#### CLLI – BSCWNH01

| Community | Street       | Building Number |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|
| Boscawen  | HARDY LN     | 16              |
| Boscawen  | LONG ST      | 2, 38, 42       |
| Boscawen  | WATER ST     | 151, 216, 219   |
| Boscawen  | WATER N 1 ST | 39, 51, 87, 93  |

Kearsarge Telephone Company's DSA located at 403 Little Hill Rd. Salisbury NH 03268

#### CLLI – SLBRNH01

| Community | Street           | Building Number |
|-----------|------------------|-----------------|
| Salisbury | CRIBNER RD       | 56              |
| Salisbury | LITTLE HILL RD   | 73, 153, 346    |
| Salisbury | MILL RD          | 137, 149        |
| Salisbury | SALISBURY W 1 RD | 879, 915, 949   |

Kearsarge Telephone Company's DSA located at 63 Deer Path Road New London NH 03257

#### CLLI – NWLNNH05

| Community  | Street          | Building Number                                  |
|------------|-----------------|--|
| New London | LAKESHORE DR    | 246, 415, 482, 488, 544, 564, 596, 620           |
| New London | DEER PATH RD    | 49   |
| New London | KNOLLWOOD RD    | 168  |
| New London | LITTLE BROOK RD | 82, 148  |
| New London | PINGREE RD      | 157  |
| New London | PLEASANT ST     | 836  |
| New London | PORCUPINE RDG   | 75, 99   |
| New London | SUGARHOUSE RD   | 146, 158, 188, 209, 247, 318, 434, 510, 617, 712 |

## $Kearsarge\ Telephone\ Company's\ DSA\ located\ at\ 258\ Route\ 4A\ North\ Wilmot\ NH\ 03287$

### CLLI-NWLNNH02

| Community | Street           | Building Number                  |
|-----------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Wilmot    | BUNKER HILL RD   | 50                               |
| Wilmot    | CROSS HILL RD    | 215, 240, 255                    |
| Wilmot    | GRANITE HILL RD  | 63                               |
| Wilmot    | NH ROUTE 4A      | 91, 212, 269, 347, 357, 359, 400 |
| Wilmot    | NORTH WILMOT RD  | 11, 99                           |
| Wilmot    | PATTERSON RD     | 4                                |
| Wilmot    | PINNACLE RD      | 30, 33, 45, 53                   |
| Wilmot    | POUND RD         | 32                               |
| Wilmot    | ROCKY ACRES RD   | 16                               |
| Wilmot    | TURKEY HILL RUN  | 133                              |
| Wilmot    | WILMOT CENTER RD | 350, 359, 366, 444, 533, 638     |
| Wilmot    | WHITNEY BROOK RD | 79                               |

# CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF COPPER RETIREMENT UNDER RULE 51.333

I, Linda Robinson, do hereby certify that on June 17, 2019 (a minimum of five business days prior to filing with the Commission), I caused Kearsarge Telephone Company's Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333 to be served upon each telephone exchange service provider that directly interconnects with Kearsarge Telephone Company's network in the applicable area(s). Attached in Exhibit B are the names and addresses of those providers who were served.

The Public Notice may also be viewed on TDS' website at: <a href="https://tdstelecom.com/carrierservices/public-notices/2019.html">https://tdstelecom.com/carrierservices/public-notices/2019.html</a>

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### Exhibit B

Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2019-38 Kearsarge Telephone Company (6.17)

Consolidated Communications (formerly FairPoint), 5 Davis Farm Road, Portland ME 04103